

that she should not have lived to enjoy a triumph, however brief, over her Austrian rival. "She, at least," said Napoleon truly, "would never have abandoned me."

Josephine's daughter, Hortense, separated from her husband Louis Bonaparte, and created Duchess of St. Leu by Louis XVIII, was in Paris, much suspected by the Bourbons, but really engaged in a lawsuit, with her husband about the custody of her sons. She had to go into hiding when the news of the landing arrived, but her empty house, left unwatched, became very useful for receiving the Bonapartists, who wished for a place of concealment, — amongst them, as we shall see, being, of all people, Fouche ! Hortense was met by Napoleon with some reproaches for accepting a title from the Bourbons, but she did the honors of the Klysce for him, and it is creditable to both of them that, braving the vile slanders about their intercourse, she was with him to the end; and that one of the last persons to embrace him at Malmaison before he started for the coast was his adopted daughter, the child of his discarded wife. Hortense's presence in Paris was thought to be too dangerous by the Prussian Governor, and she was peremptorily ordered to leave. An appeal to the Emperor Francis received a favorable answer, but Francis always gave way where any act against his son-in-law was in question, and she had to start at the shortest notice on a wandering life to Aachen, Baden, and (Johannstadt, till the generosity of the small but brave canton of Thurgau enabled her to get, a refuge at the Chateau of Arenenberg.

In 1815 she lost her only son, who died from fever in a revolutionary attempt in which he and his younger brother, the future Napoleon III., were engaged. She was able to visit; Francis and even to Louis Philippe and his Queen; but her presence in the country was soon thought dangerous, and she was urged to leave. In 1816 Hortense's only child, Louis Napoleon, made his attempt at an *emancipation* at Strasbourg and was shipped off to America by the Government. He went to France to plead for him, and then, worn out by grief and anxiety, returned to Arenenberg, which her son, the future Emperor, only succeeded